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## **King Co. nursing assistant's license suspended due to mental health concern**

**OLYMPIA** — State health officials have suspended the nursing assistant credential of Bethuel Gathu (NAC.NC.60389860) after he didn't respond to a statement of charges issued by the Department of Health's legal team.

Gathu's license was immediately restricted in April 2015 based on allegations filed while he was working for a supported living program providing services to developmentally disabled individuals. Those allegations say Gathu didn't pick-up a resident from a store because he said he heard sounds commanding him to do chores in that resident's apartment. Gathu acknowledged that he experienced symptoms that affected his mental health and his ability to care for this resident.

Legal documents in this case are available by clicking the link to [Provider Credential Search](#) on [the agency home page](#) (doh.wa.gov) or by calling 360-236-4700.

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